

Gadiano (Reg. No. 37,136); Laura A. Donnelly (Reg. No. 38,435); and Craig L. Plastrik (Reg. No. 41,254); Margaret M. Duncan (Reg. No. 30,879); Joseph H. Paquin, Jr. (Reg. No. 31,647); Michele M. Schafer (Reg. No. 34,717); Damian G. Wasserbauer (Reg. No. 34,749); John G. Bisbikis (Reg. No. 37,095); Christine F. Martin (Reg. No. 39,762); and Joy Ann G. Serauskas (Reg. No. 27,952).

I hereby authorize the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from    [ASSIGNEE] as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application, and in all other competent International/Foreign authorities regarding the above-identified invention, without direct communication with me.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO: **McDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY, 600 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; Telephone No.: (202) 756-8000.**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: \* Mutsuhiro YAMANAKA

Residence Address: \* Takatsuki-Shi, Osaka, Japan

Post Office Address: \* c/o MINOLTA CO., LTD., Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-8556 Japan

Citizenship: \* Japanese

Inventor's signature Mutsuhiro Yamanaka Date Dec. 19, 2000

Full name of second inventor: \* Hironori SUMITOMO

Residence Address: \* Moriguchi-Shi, Osaka, Japan

Post Office Address: \* c/o MINOLTA CO., LTD., Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-8556 Japan

Citizenship: \* Japanese

Inventor's signature Hironori Sumitomo Date Dec. 19, 2000

Full name of third inventor: \* Yuusuke NAKANO

Residence Address: \* Akashi-Shi, Hyogo-Ken, Japan

Post Office Address: \* c/o MINOLTA CO., LTD., Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-chome Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-8556 Japan

Citizenship: \* Japanese

Inventor's signature Yuusuke Nakano Date Dec. 19, 2000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Mutsuhiro YAMANAKA, et al. :  
Serial No.: : Group Art Unit:  
Filed: January 11, 2001 : Examiner:  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

**ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned Principal Attorney of record hereby appoints the following Attorneys as his Associates with regard to the above-identified application: Stephen A. Becker, Reg. No. 26,527; John G. Bisbikis, Reg. No. 37,095; Christopher D. Bright, Reg. No. 46,578; Daniel Bucca, Reg. No. 42,368; Kenneth L. Cage, Reg. No. 26,151; Jennifer Chen, Reg. No. 42,404; Bernard P. Codd, Reg. No. 46,429; Thomas A. Corrado, Reg. No. 42,439; Lawrence T. Cullen, Reg. No. 44,489; Paul Devinsky, Reg. No. 28,553; Margaret M. Duncan, Reg. No. 30,879; Ramyar M. Farid, Reg. No. 46,692; Brian E. Ferguson, Reg. No. 36,801; Michael E. Fogarty, Reg. No. 36,139; John R. Fuisz, Reg. No. 37,327; Willem F. Gadiano, Reg. No. 37,136; Keith E. George, Reg. No. 34,111; Matthew V. Grumbling, Reg. No. 44,427; John A. Hankins, Reg. No. 32,029; Joseph Hyosuk Kim, Reg. No. 41,425; Eric J. Kraus, Reg. No. 36,190; Catherine Krupka, Reg. No. 46,227; Jack Q. Lever, Reg. No. 28,149; Raphael V. Lupo, Reg. No. 28,363; Michael A. Messina, Reg. No. 33,424; Dawn L. Palmer, Reg. No. 41,238; Joseph H. Paquin, Jr., Reg. No. 31,647; Scott D. Paul, Reg. No. 42,984; William D. Pegg, Reg. No. 42,988; Robert L. Price, Reg. No. 22,685; Gene Z. Robinson, Reg. No. 33,351; Joy Ann G. Serauskas, Reg. No. 27,952; Daniel H. Sherr, Reg. No. 46,425; David A. Spenard, Reg. No. 37,449; Arthur J. Steiner, Reg. No. 26,106; David L. Stewart, Reg. No. 37,578; Wesley Strickland, Reg. No. 44,363; Michael D. Switzer, Reg. No. 39,552; Leonid D. Thenor, Reg. No. 39,397; Daniel S. Trainor, Reg. No.

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

☐ The specification was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. or PCT International Patent Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and, if applicable, was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

Under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b), I hereby claim foreign priority benefits of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or under Title 35, United States Code, Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, which are listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any International applications having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY/INTERNATIONAL	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
<u>Japan</u>	<u>P2000-004711</u>	<u>13/01/2000</u>	YES <u>X</u> NO <u>   </u>
<u>Japan</u>	<u>P2000-004941</u>	<u>13/01/2000</u>	YES <u>X</u> NO <u>   </u>
<u>Japan</u>	<u>P2000-004942</u>	<u>13/01/2000</u>	YES <u>X</u> NO <u>   </u>
_____	_____	_____	YES <u>   </u> NO <u>   </u>

Under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), I hereby claim the benefit of priority of any United States provisional patent applications listed below:

Under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, I hereby claim the benefit of priority of any United States patent application(s) or under Title 35, United States Code, Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, which are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International applications(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned
_____	_____	_____

I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the patent application identified above, and to transact all business connected therewith, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and all other competent International/Foreign authorities: Raphael V. Lupo (Reg. No. 28,363); Jack Q. Lever, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,149); Kenneth L. Cage (Reg. No. 26,151); Stanislaus Aksman (Reg. No. 28,562); Michael E. Fogarty (Reg. No. 36,139); Brian E. Ferguson (Reg. No. 36,801); Robert W. Zelnick (Reg. No. 36,976); Edward E. Kubasiewicz (Reg. No. 30,020); Paul Devinsky (Reg. No. 28,553); Wilhelm F.

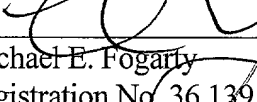
**Serial No.:**

43,959; Cameron K. Weiffenbach, Reg. No. 44,488; Aaron Weisstuch, Reg. No. 41,557; Edward J. Wise, Reg. No. 34,523; Alexander V. Yampolsky, Reg. No. 36,324; and Robert W. Zelnick, Reg. No. 36,976 all of

McDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY  
600 13th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005-3096

Please continue to address all communications to the undersigned.

January 11, 2001

By   
Michael E. Fogarty  
Registration No. 36,139  
Attorney for Applicant